

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

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Please replace the paragraph ~~beginning at page 9, line 2,~~ with the following rewritten paragraph:

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As previously indicated, the illustrated shrinker configuration lastly includes a constricting element operable to constrict the receptacle 12 at a desired location. As shown in FIG. 1, the constricting element is adapted to engage and bear against the distal end 22 of the residual limb 18 when the shrinker 10 is donned in the final doubled-over condition. As best shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, the constricting element is preferably a circular sliding-ring 16 having a sufficient diameter for allowing the overhanging portion 24 of the receptacle 12 to pass therethrough. When the shrinker 10 is donned, the sliding-ring 16 is positioned on the receptacle 12 to define the main portion 20 and the overhanging portion 24 which is doubled-over to cover the adjacent part of the main portion 20. The portions 20,24 cooperatively present a ~~lowermost constricted margin 82~~ distal constricted margin 82 of the receptacle 12 that extends along the sliding-ring 16 and is positioned adjacent the distal end 22 (see FIG. 1). The ring preferably presents an average diameter that is smaller than the smallest diameter adjacent the distal end of the residual limb 18, which prevents the ring and, therefore, the shrinker 10 from riding up the residual limb 18 when the shrinker 10 is donned.